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The Honorable Bill Quirk California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 5120 Sacramento, CA 95814

ASSEMBLY BILL 2429 (QUIRK) SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2429.

AB 2429 would implement several recommendations of the Little Hoover Commission related to peace officer training. It would require the POST Commission to develop, with the input of academics, sciencebased training standards for peace officers in California that are more likely to prepare officers for the pressure and demands of their jobs. The goal is to have officers do more of what is proven to be effective, and less of what is not effective.

AB 2429 would also require POST, on or before January 1, 2025, to submit a report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the new training standards.

The Little Hoover Commission noted that California spends millions of dollars on law enforcement training each year and has certified thousands of courses for police officers, yet the state does not perform a serious or thorough evaluation of how that training affects officer behavior. Without the proper research and assessment of this training, it is impossible for the state to determine if this funding is being invested into training that produces the desired and intended results.

AB 2429 will help improve the training provided to law enforcement which is an essential component of ensuring a just and fair policing of our communities.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

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